

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BELGRA 03261 060712Z

17

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20

USIA-15 IO-14 SAJ-01 NIC-01 ACDA-19 DRC-01 /136 W

----- 029149

R 051525Z JUL 74

FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9850

INFO AMCONSUL ZAGREB UNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BELGRADE 3261

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: YO BU PFOR

SUBJ: MORE YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN POLEMICS OVER MACEDONIA

1. THE UN SEMINAR ON MINORITIES AT OHRID HAS PROVED TO BE TOO TEMPTING A FORUM TO RESIST FOR MORE YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN POLEMICS OVER MACEDONIA. JULY 4 TANJUG AND JULY 5 POLITIKA EXTENSIVELY QUOTE ASST FSFA SECRETARY MILJAN KOMATINA'S REPOSE TO BULGARIAN DELEGATE YULIYA BAHNEV'S CONTENTION AT THE JULY 3 SESSION THAT THERE IS NO MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN BULGARIA. (FSFA SPECIAL ADVISOR SILVO DEVETAK HAD EARLIER THAT DAY SAID THERE WAS.) THIS WAS A "GROSS INTERVENTION" WHICH WAS "ENTIRELY UNPROVOKED AND IT MAY HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN RELATIONS", PER KOMATINA. HE ADDED THAT EFFORTS TO DENY THE EXISTENCE OF THE MACEDONIAN NATION "TIE IN WITH FOREIGN INTRIGUES ON THE BALKAN PENINSULA", WHICH MIGHT BE READ AS AIMED AT MOSCOW.

2. BOHNEV THEN RESPONDED TO THE ABOVE REMARKS AND "REGRETTED" THAT KOMATINA HAD CHOSEN TO RESUME THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MACEDONIAN MONIRITY IN BULGARIA AT THE SEMINAR. HE INSISTED THAT BULGARIA DESIRES ALL-EMBRACING COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA GENERALLY AND THE SFR MACEDONIA PARTICULARLY-

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BELGRA 03261 060712Z

HE DID NOT, OF COURSE, RETRACT HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS.

3. NOT COINCIDENTALLY, MACEDONIA REPUBLIC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT BIAGOJ POPOV AT VETERANS DAY CELEBRATIONS ON JULY 4 AT PROBISTIP WENT AT GREAT LENGTH INTO THE FIGHTING IN SPRING 1944 AGAINST THE "BULGARIAN FASCIST ELITE DIVISIONS". HE DECRIED THE HISTORICAL DISTORTIONS OF THE ROLE OF THE BULGARIAN FATHERLAND FRONT UNITS AND ASSERTED THAT UNITS OF THE BULGARIAN FIFTH ARMY (FASCIST) CONTINUED FIGHTING AGAINST THE YUGOSLAVS AFTER THE BULGARIAN CAPITULATION INSTEAD OF JOINING THE COMMON BATTLE AGAINST THE GERMANS. DESPITE "NATIONALIST PRETENSIONS AGAINST THE MACEDONIAN NATION ON THE PART OF CERTAIN REACTIONARY, OUTDATED FORCES IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES". POPOV CONCLUDED WITH STANDARD CALL FOR STABLE, GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS.

4. COMMENT. THE HARDY MACEDONIAN PERENNIAL OBVIOUSLY CONTINUES TO THRIVE. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT FOR THE PRESENT AT LEAST BOTH SIDES WILL SEE THAT IT DOES NOT OVER-BLOOM INTO A MAJOR CONFRONTATION.  
TOON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** COMMUNITY RELATIONS, SEMINARS, MINORITIES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 05 JUL 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** shawdg  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974BELGRA03261  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740179-1067  
**From:** BELGRADE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740774/aaaaclih.tel  
**Line Count:** 82  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** shawdg  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 10 JUN 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <10 JUN 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <20 FEB 2003 by shawdg>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MORE YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN POLEMICS OVER MACEDONIA  
**TAGS:** PFOR, YO, BU, UN  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005